MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS
Bureau of Fisheries and Wildlife
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PUBLIC NOTICE No. F14-3424(I)

TO: The Honorable Delbert Hosemann
Secretary of State
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AND
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks at a meeting in Greenwood, Mississippi on December 15, 2008, under authority of Section 25-43-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known it's intent to adopt the following size and creel limits on sport fish and lake closures/openings. This was done under authority of Sections 49-7-41 and 49-1-29, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice F13-3424 is hereby amended and the following rules and regulations relative to sport fishing are adopted:

Statewide creel limits on game and sport fish are as follows:

Species	Creel Per Day
Black Bass (combined largemouth, spotted and smallmouth)	10
Sauger	15
Walleye	3
Striped Bass and Hybrids with 15" minimum size	6 *
Crappie (combined black and white)	30 *
Bream (combined bluegill, redear and other sunfish)	100
Alligator Gar	2
Paddlefish	2 **

* Creel limits for crappie, striped bass, and striped bass hybrids in waters touched by the state boundary (border waters) shall be that of the adjacent state, or the Mississippi limit, whichever is greater.

** Paddlefish greater than 30" must be immediately released when caught sport fishing in Mississippi. Paddlefish are measured from the back of the eye to the fork of the tail. No paddlefish harvest is allowed in the Tenn-Tom Waterway, Tombigbee River or its tributaries and Pickwick Lake.

Harvest and possession of all sturgeon species (Alabama, Atlantic, Pallid and Shovelnose) are prohibited in all Mississippi waters.

Be it ordered that the correct method for measuring fish and the definitions for length limits are as follows:

Correct Method for Measuring Fish Length

Fish measurements for length limit regulations shall be taken with the total length being measured using a flatboard with fish mouth closed and tail squeezed together to give the maximum over-all measurement. Paddlefish are measured from the back of the eye to the fork of the tail.

Minimum Length Limit (MLL)

All fish on or less than the regulated size length in inches must be returned to the water immediately after capture and may not be in possession on the designated waters. All fish over the minimum length limit in total length may be kept not to exceed the legal daily creel limit.

Maximum Length Limit (MAXLL)

All fish on or more than the regulated size length in inches must be returned to the water immediately after capture and may not be in possession on the designated waters. All fish under the maximum length limit in total length may be kept no th exceed the legal daily creel limit.

Slot Length Limit (SLL)

All fish on or between the designated range of lengths in inches must be returned to the water immediately upon capture and may not be in possession on designated waters. All fish shorter than the lowest length limit and all fish longer than the highest length limit may be kept not to exceed the legal daily creel limit.

Be it further ordered until such time that it is amended by the Commission, the following MLL and creel limit regulations shall be in effect for crappie (combined black and white crappie):

Lake	County	Length Limit	Creel Limit
Sardis Lake	Lafayette, Marshall, Panola	12" MLL	20
Enid Lake	Yalobusha, Lafayette, Panola	12" MLL	20
Arkabutla Lake	Tate, Desoto	12" MLL	20
Grenada Lake	Grenada, Calhoun, Yalobusha	12" MLL	20
Okatibbee Reservoir	Lauderdale	10" MLL	30
Moon Lake (includes part east of Hwy 1)	Coahoma	10" MLL	30 (5under 10")
Lake Washington	Washington	10" MLL	30 (5under 10")

LAKE	COUNTY	LENGTH LIMIT	CREEL LIMIT
Pickwick & Tenn-Tom Waterway	Hwy 25 in Divide Section to Aliceville Lock & Dam	9" MLL	30
Horn Lake	**Desoto Co.**	**10" MLL**	**15**
Spillways of Arkabutla	To Prichard Road Bridge		20
Enid	To I-55		20
Grenada	To Hwy 51		20
Sardis & Barrow Lake	To Spaulding Creek		20

Be it further ordered that each person with a valid sport fishing license or those exempt under 49-7-5 may fish no more than five (5) poles or rods with two (2) hooks or lures per pole while fishing on Arkabutla, Sardis, and Enid. Each person with a valid sport fishing license or those exempt under 49-7-5 may fish no more than three (3) poles or rods with two (2) hooks or lures per poles while fishing on Grenada Lake.(Lakes & counties noted above)

Be it further ordered until such time that it is amended by the Commission, the following length and creel limit regulations shall be in effect for black bass (combined largemouth, spotted and smallmouth):

Lake	County	Length Limit	Creel Limit
Pascagoula River	George and Jackson Co. Merrill, Ms to Hwy 90 Bridge **includes all connected oxbow lakes and the East and West Pascagoula Rivers and all water areas in between the two said rivers**	12" MLL	10
Eagle Lake	Warren	16" MLL	10
Malmaisson WMA Lakes	Grenada	15" MLL	2
Hamer WMA Ponds	Panola		0
Lake Tom Bailey	Lauderdale	15" MLL	5 (1 over 20")
Lake Washington	Washington	15" MLL	5 (2 under15")
Ross Barnett Reservoir	**Madison,Rankin,Leake,Hinds,Scott**	**12" MLL**	**7**
Lake Bill Waller	Marion	**18-22"SLL**	**15(1 over 22")**
Lake Calling Panther	Copiah	20" MAX LL	30 (1 over 20")
Holmes County State PK	Holmes	14-18" SLL	10 (3 over18")
Lake Columbia	Marion	14-18" SLL	5 (1 over 18")
Natchez State Park	Adams	18-22"SLL	7 (1 over 22")
Sardis Lake	Lafayette, Marshall, Panola	16-20" SLL	7 (3 over 20")
Enid Lake	Yalobusha, Lafayette, Panola	16-20" SLL	7 (3 over 20")
Neshoba Co. Lake	Neshoba	16-20" SLL	10 (1over 20")
Paul B. Johnson State Park	Forrest	18-22"SLL	10 (1over 22")
Lake Bolivar (Scott, MS)	Bolivar	None	2
Moon Lake	Coahoma(includes east of Hwy 1)	None	2
Atchafalaya Bayou	Humphreys	None	2
Little Eagle Lake	Humphreys	None	2
Leroy Percy State Park	Washington	None	2
Lake Jackson	Washington	None	2
Wolf/Broad Lake	Yazoo, Humphreys	None	2

Lake	County	Length Limit	Creel Limit
RecCon Lake	Bolivar	None	2
Arkabutla Lake	Desoto, Tate	None	7
Grenada Lake	Grenada, Calhoun, Yalobusha	None	7

Be it further ordered that the length limit on catfish (blue, channel and flathead) shall be no more than 1 catfish over 34 inches per person on reciprocated waters with AL, AR and TN. There is no creel limit on catfish.

No person shall take in any one calendar day, no more than the daily creel or bag limit of fish. No person shall at any time, by any means, or in any manner, transport more than seven (7) daily creel or bag limits of fish for each qualified angler present in the vehicle. A single angler may only transport his or her own limit (s) of fish, not to exceed seven (7) daily limits.

Anyone wishing to comment on the above proposed action may do so in writing to the Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, 1505 Eastover Dr., Jackson, MS 39211, no later than January 15, 2009.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
John C Stanley IV, Chairman

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